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APPLICANTS: P.E. Rakoczy, et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/065,082 **GROUP:** 1635
FILED: July 16, 1998 **EXAMINER:** S. G. McGarry
FOR: HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER FOR GENE THERAPY
AND VEGF ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT ABNORMAL
RETINAL VASCULARIZATION

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit herewith the following response to the Office Communication dated December 6, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the four groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden.

Additionally, significant expense and time would be saved if the four groups (i.e., all pending claims) were searched and examined at this time.

Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect with traverse Group II, claims 110-142, drawn to a composition comprising a nucleic acid which is anti-sense to a target polynucleotides, an adjuvant and/or a pharmaceutical carrier.

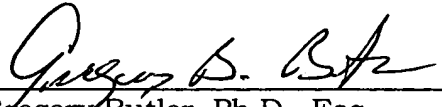
The election of Group II is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Applicants further respectfully request that rejoinder of the four groups be considered by the Examiner following the search.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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